

IS CONSCIOUSNESS PRIMARY?

The First Conference of the Academy for the Advancement of Postmaterialist Sciences (AAPS)

October 2-4, 2020

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA

Tentative Program

Day 1 Friday October 2, 2020

- 5 pm** Registration, appetizers and cash bar,
- 7 pm** Opening of the meeting
- Welcome – Deborah Erickson, PhD, Executive Director (5 min)
- Introduction to the Primacy of Consciousness Hypothesis Gary Schwartz, PhD and Marjorie Woollacott PhD (15 minutes)
- 7:20 pm** David Lorimer, PhD, The Galileo Commission (1 hr)

Day 2 Saturday October 3, 2020

Physics and Consciousness

- 8:30 am** Dean Radin PhD: Rational Magic
- 9:30 am** Menas C. Kafatos, PhD: Bridging the Perceived Gap between Science and Metaphysics: The Primacy of Consciousness and Experience
- 10:30 am** **Pause**
- 11 am** Ed Close, PhD: Mathematical Unification of Space, Time, Mass, Energy, & Consciousness

12 noon **Panel:** Dean Radin, Menas C. Kafatos, Ed Close; moderator Gary E. Schwartz

12:30 **Lunch Pause and Poster Session**

Neuroscience and Consciousness

2 pm Mario Beauregard, PhD; The Elementary Mind

3 pm Marjorie Woollacott, PhD; What do Near-Death and Meditation Experiences Tell Us about the Primacy of Consciousness?,

4 pm **Pause**

4:30 pm Diane Hennacy Powell, MD: Beyond Materialism and Madness: a Neuropsychiatrist's Perspective on Anomalous Experiences

5:30 pm **Panel:** Mario Beauregard, Marjorie Woollacott, Diane H. Powell; moderator Dean Radin

6 pm Additional Presentations (12 min + 3 min Q and A)
1st presentation

6:15 pm 2nd presentation

6:30 pm 3rd presentation

6:45 pm 4th presentation

7 pm **Dinner**

Day 3 Sunday October 4, 2020

Psychology, Psychiatry, Medicine, and Consciousness

8:30 am Gary Schwartz, PhD: How Do Scientists Change Their Minds? The Example of Survival of Consciousness Research

9:30 am Larry Dossey, MD: Postmaterial Medicine, Health, and Healing

10:30 am **Pause**

- 11 am** Stephan Schwartz: Adventures in Consciousness
- 12 noon** Panel: Gary E. Schwartz, , Larry Dossey, Stephan Schwartz
- 12:30 pm** Concluding remarks: Gary Schwartz and Marjorie Woollacott